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THE HEDGEHOG™

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HA HA HA
HA HA HA



THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS ONCE A VIRTUAL PARADISE UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! HIS TECHNOLOGICAL TYRANNY WOULD HAVE CONTINUED IF NOT FOR A HEROIC GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO BANDED TOGETHER AND RESTORED ORDER TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN! THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BLUE STREAK FILLED WITH THE MOST ATTITUDE GOING AROUND - - AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS THE FASTEST THING ALIVE! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

SAY...WHAT
GIVES WITH THIS
GIZMO, NATE? ALL
I SEE IS A SCREEN
FULL O' STATIC!

I, ROBOTNIK!

BONK
BONK
BONK

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OF COURSE YOU
DO, SONIC...

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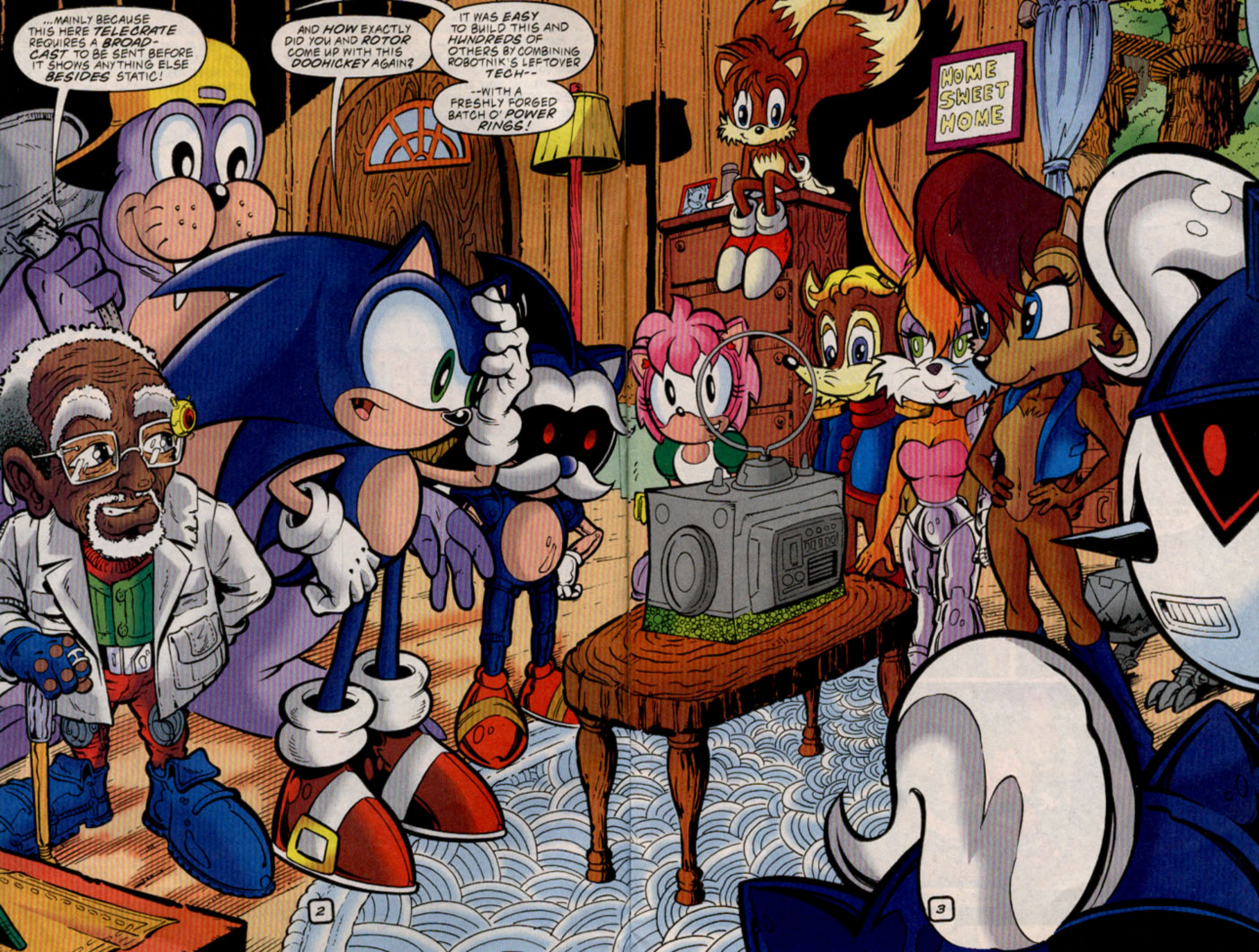
...MAINLY BECAUSE
THIS HERE TELECRATE
REQUIRES A BROAD-
CAST TO BE SENT BEFORE
IT SHOWS ANYTHING ELSE
BESIDES STATIC!

AND HOW EXACTLY
DID YOU AND ROTOR
COME UP WITH THIS
DOOHICKEY AGAIN?

IT WAS EASY
TO BUILD THIS AND
HUNDREDS OF
OTHERS BY COMBINING
ROBOTNIK'S LEFTOVER
TECH--

--WITH A
FRESHLY FORGED
BATCH O' POWER
RINGS!

HOME
SWEET
HOME



IT TOOK US A LITTLE
OVER TWO WEEKS TO MAKE
SURE THAT THERE WAS A
TELECRATE FOR EVERY
HOME HERE IN KNOTHOLE
VILLAGE...

...AND IN
OUR CAPITAL CITY OF
MOBOTROPOLIS.

OTHERWISE, HOW
WOULD ALL THE CITIZENS
IN THIS--THE KINGDOM
OF ACORN--SEE AND
HEAR KING MAX'S ADDRESS
LATER ON THIS EVENING?

"MUST BE REALLY IMPORTANT IF
EVERYBODY GETS A NEW HUNK O'
HARDWARE BY ROYAL DECREE,
HUH? WHAT'S YOUR DAD GOT TO
SAY ANYWAY, SALLY?"

EVEN I DON'T
KNOW THE
ANSWER TO
THAT ONE,
SONIC-- I ONLY
KNOW THAT I
HAVE TO BE
BACK AT THE
CASTLE BY
THE TIME HE
SAYS IT!

Uhh...
GUYS?

WELL, NOW THAT MY WORK
WITH MR. MORGAN IS OVER,
I FIGURED NOW WAS THE
TIME TO GO SEARCHIN'
FOR MY FOLKS.

THE LAST I SAW OF 'EM,
THEY WERE BEIN' MIND CON-
TROLLED BY ROBOTNIK
UP IN THE ARCTIC."

"Waaay back in
ish# 32-JFG

--WOW,
ROTE--

--CAN'T
BELIEVE IT--

--TOTALLY
FORGOT--

--GOOD
LUCK--

"WE'LL MISS YOU!"

LATER AT CASTLE
ACORN...

SALLY!
UNCLE NATE!

HI, DADDY--
WE'RE BACK FROM
THE VILLAGE!
WOW! WOULD
YOU JUST LOOK
AT THIS
PLACE!

LOOK INDEED
--IT'S LIKE THE
GREAT WAR
JUST BROKE OUT
IN MY THRONE
ROOM!

NEVER YOU MIND, MAX, OLD
FRIEND--ALL OF THE TELE-
CRATES HAVE BEEN DISTRIB-
UTED THROUGHOUT THE
LAND.

NOW YOUR
SUBJECTS SIT
AT HOME AWAITING
YOUR ANNOUNCE-
MENT... TODAY
IS A GREAT
DAY!

FATHER--WHAT
EXACTLY DO YOU
INTEND TO TELL
THE POPULACE?

WELL, ELIAS, I NEED TO
INFORM THEM OF THE MYSTERIOUS
ILLNESS THAT KEEPS YOUR
MOTHER--QUEEN ALICIA--IN
A PERPETUAL STATE OF
SLUMBER...

...AND OF SONIC
AND TAILS' SUCCESS IN
DEFEATING THE SORCEROUS
IXIS NAUGUS.

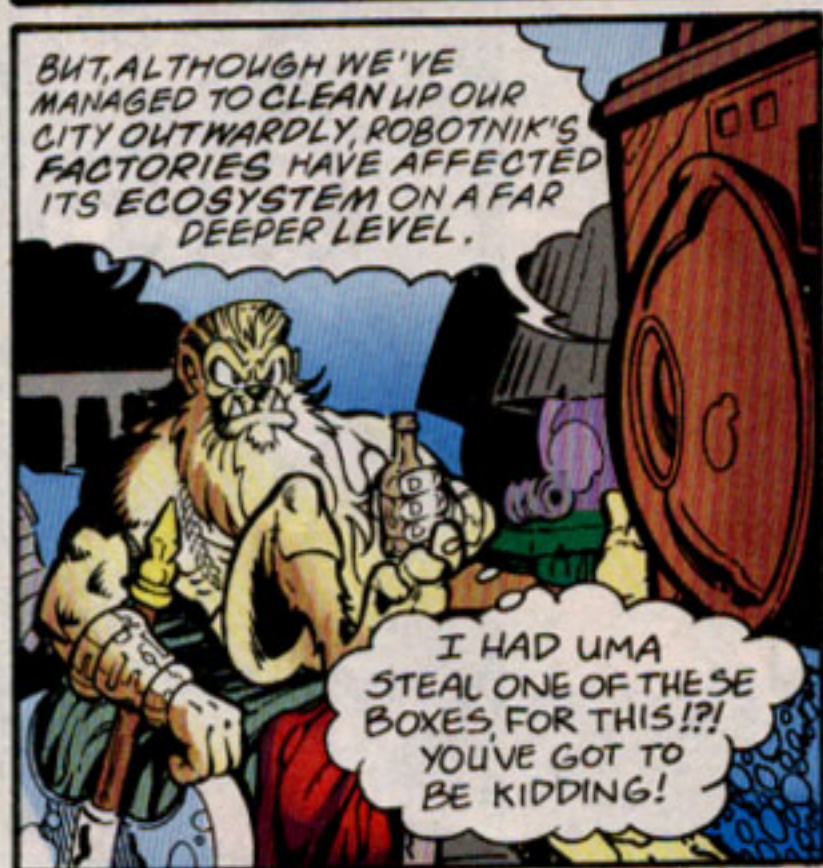
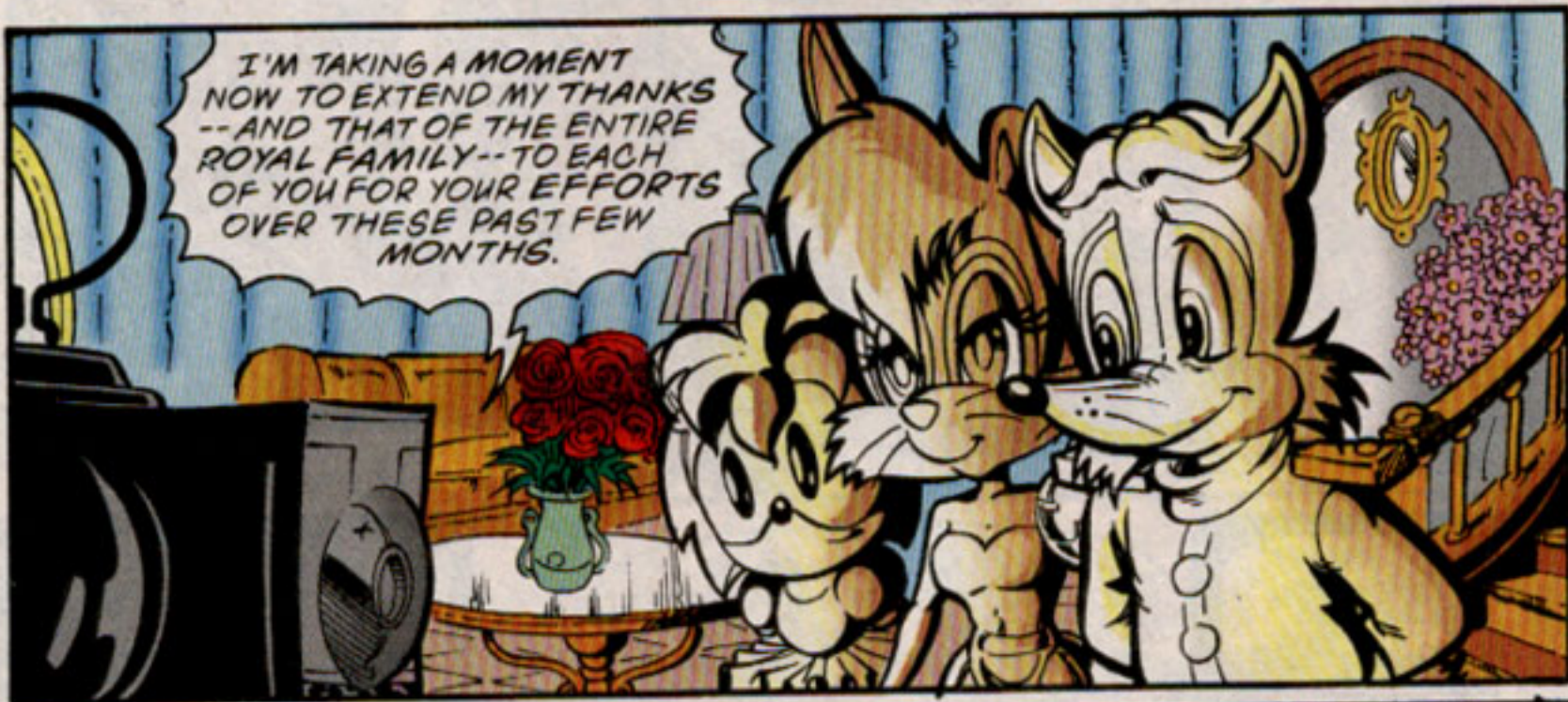
ALL RIGHT!
TAKE YOUR PLACES,
PEOPLE...

LIGHTS!
CAMERA!
ACTION!

*Read ish
64-66 if
you haven't
already-JFG



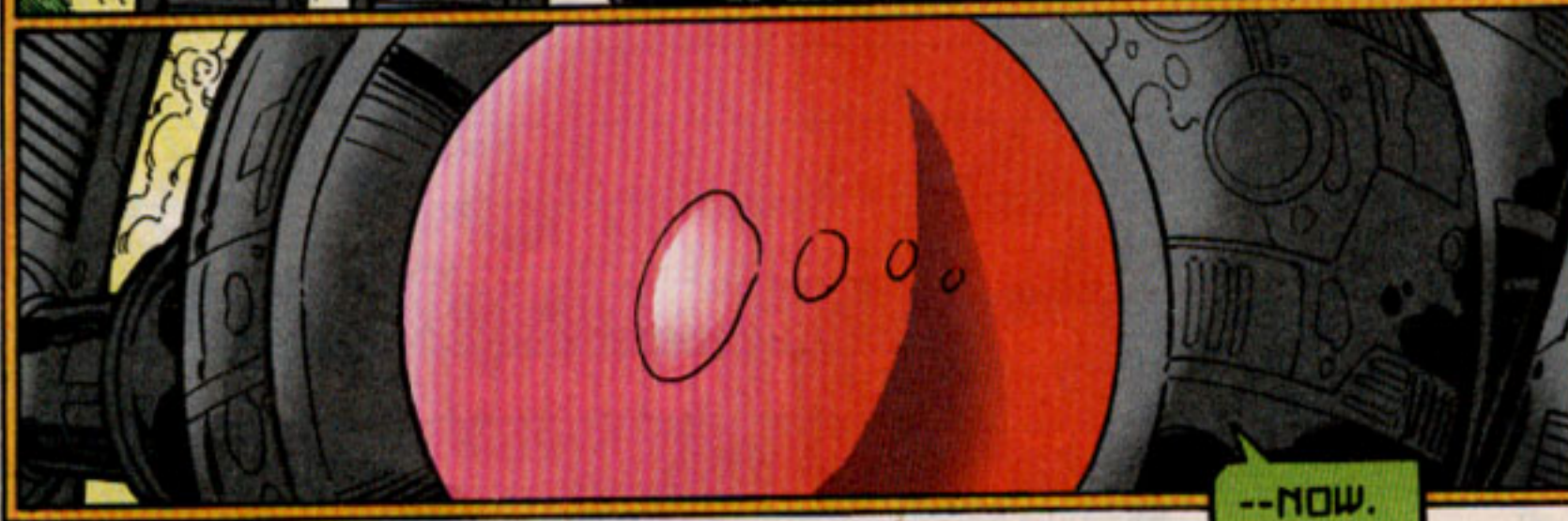
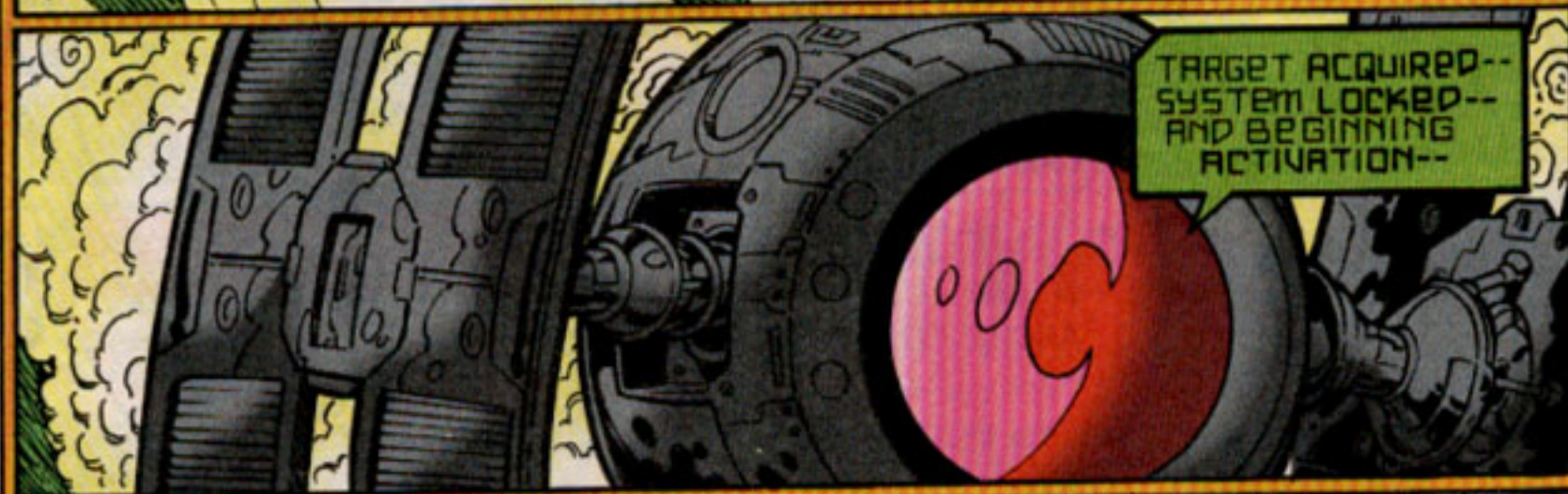
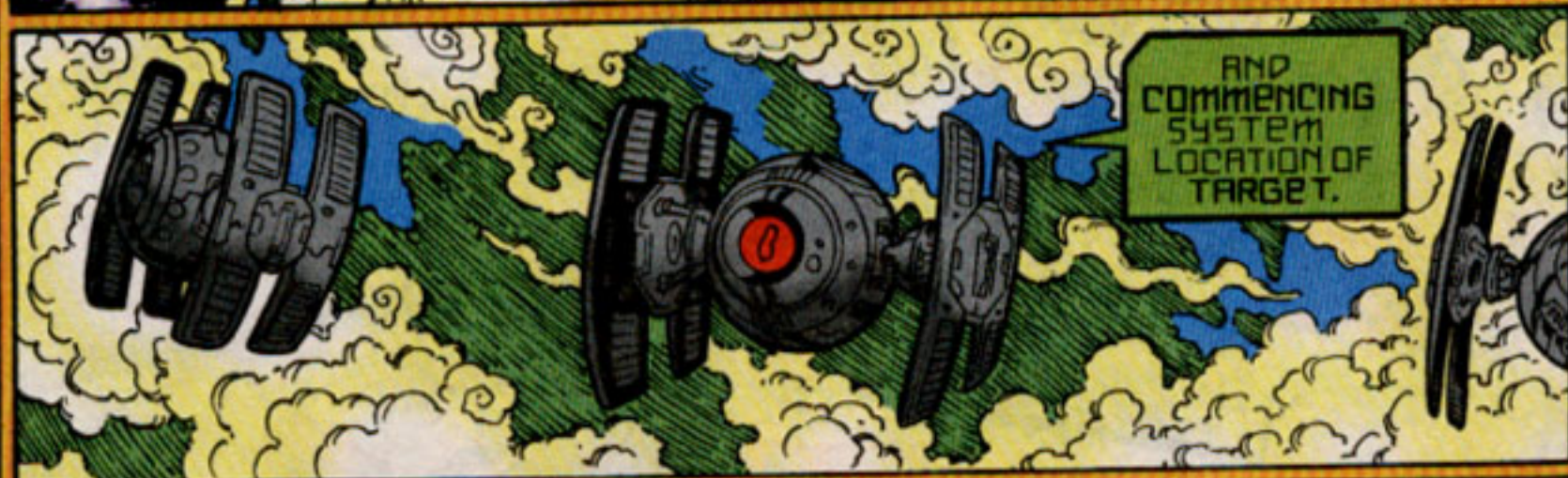
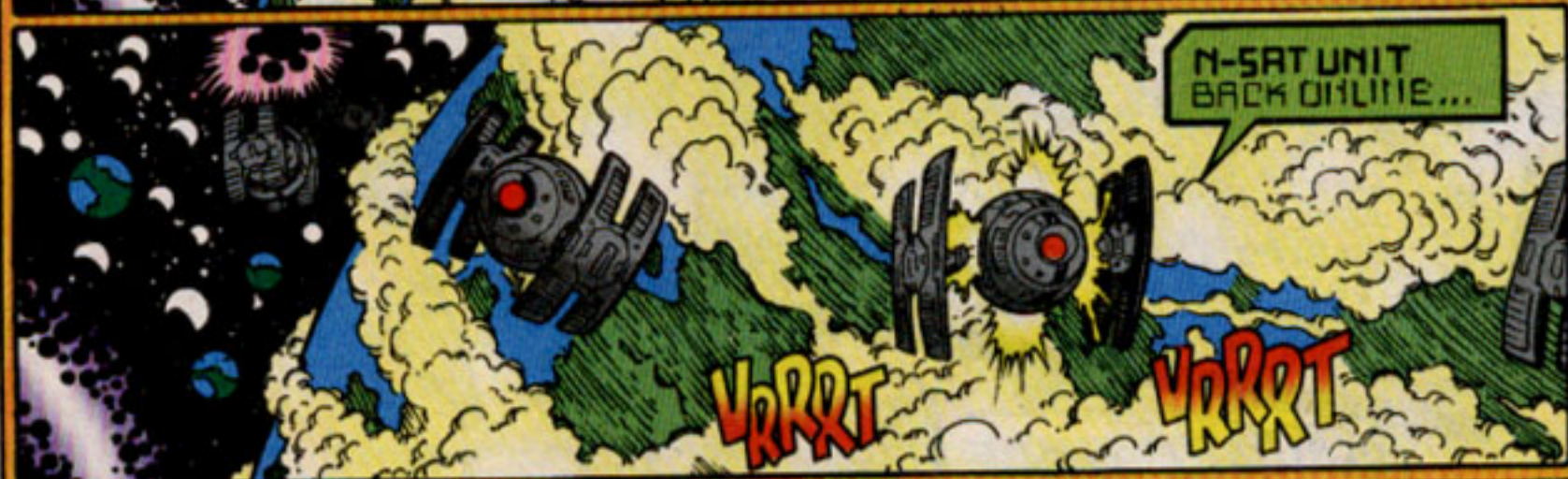
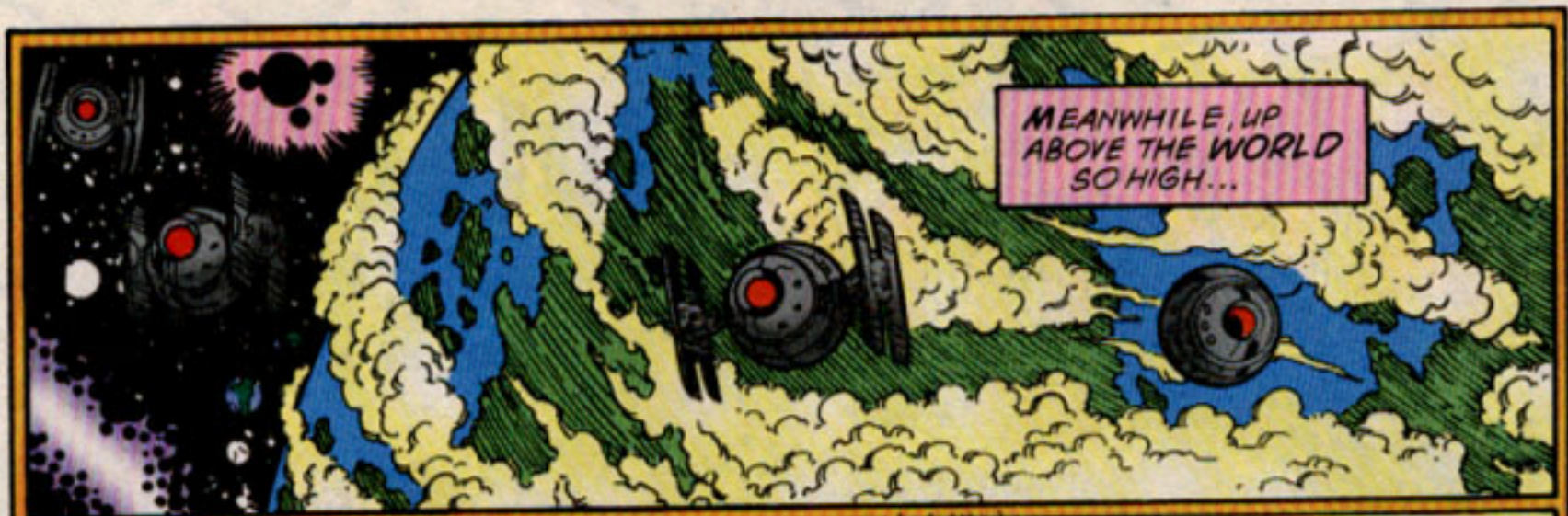
"GOOD EVENING, KINGDOM OF ACORN -- THIS IS KING MAXIMILLIAN ACORN! IT'S BEEN A LONG AND WINDING ROAD TO THE RESTORATION OF OUR BEAUTIFUL MOBOTROPOLIS..."

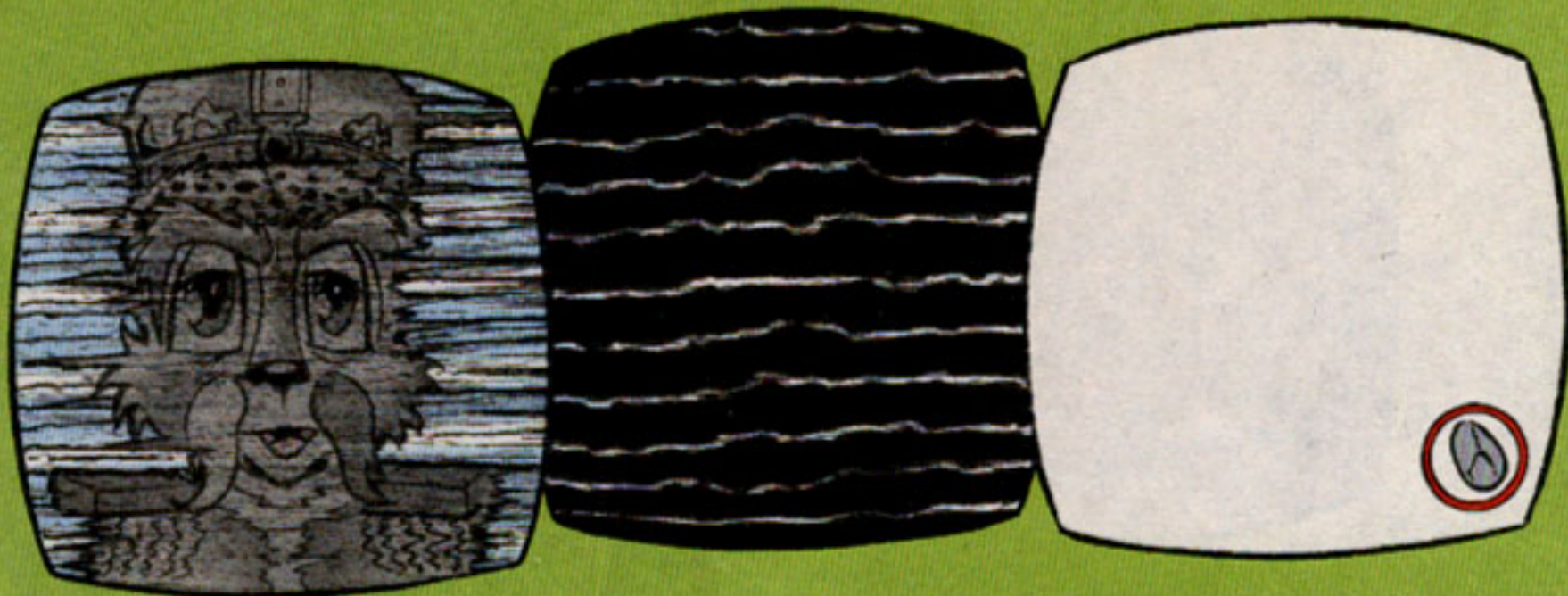


I HAD UMA STEAL ONE OF THESE BOXES, FOR THIS!?! YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!



...IT IS OUR SACRED DUTY TO AID HER. WE CAN ACHIEVE THIS IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS...





"... A NEW GOLDEN AGE IN WHICH - SQA-AAK - HOPE TO - SQA-AAK -"

...

"K-BOT PRESENTS, FOR THE FIRST AND ONLY TIME, THE ILLUSTRIOUS BIOGRAPHY OF THE WORLD-RENOVED SUPER-SCIENTIST KNOWN TO ANY NIT-WIT WITH HALF A BRAIN CELL AS...
DOCTOR ROBOTIK--
THE GREATEST OVERLANDER* WHO EVER LIVED!"

* Human - JFG



"BORN INTO THE PRESTIGIOUS HOUSE OF IVO IN THE YEAR-- WELL, Er... LET'S NOT DISCUSS WHAT YEAR IT WAS-- JULIAN KINTOBOR WAS OBVIOUSLY DESTINED TO MAKE A LASTING IMPRESSION."



"JULIAN WAS THE SOLE SON IN THE KINTOBOR CLAN TO BE BLESSED BY AN ASTOUNDING INTELLECT... A BROADER BRAIN CAPACITY... AND-- (BY THE BY, HE ALSO HAD AN ANNOYING BROTHER NAMED COLIN)."



"ANYWAY... AS THE YEARS WENT ON, HIS BODY GREW TO MATCH HIS VAST I.Q. AND--AS A YOUNG MAN--HE BECAME ASSISTANT TO A LOCAL GEO-PHYSICIAN IN THE CITY OF MEGAPOLIS--A NATHANIEL-SOMEBODY-OR-THE-OTHER. THOUGH IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE JULIAN HIMSELF WAS IN CHARGE OF THE LAB!



"THEN--OUT OF NOWHERE--THE FLEA-BITTEN, FURRY INHABITANTS THE OVERLANDERS WERE FORCED TO SHARE THE PLANET WITH... BEGAN THE GREATEST WAR EVER SEEN (I FORGET THE NAME OF IT...)!"



"THE MINISTRY OF CONFLICT CALLED UPON EVERY GENIUS IN MEGAPOLIS TO DEVISE WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. JULIAN DID BETTER--HE CREATED A DEVICE CALLED THE ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR! ALL THAT WAS NEEDED TO POWER IT WAS A RARE MINERAL ORE..."



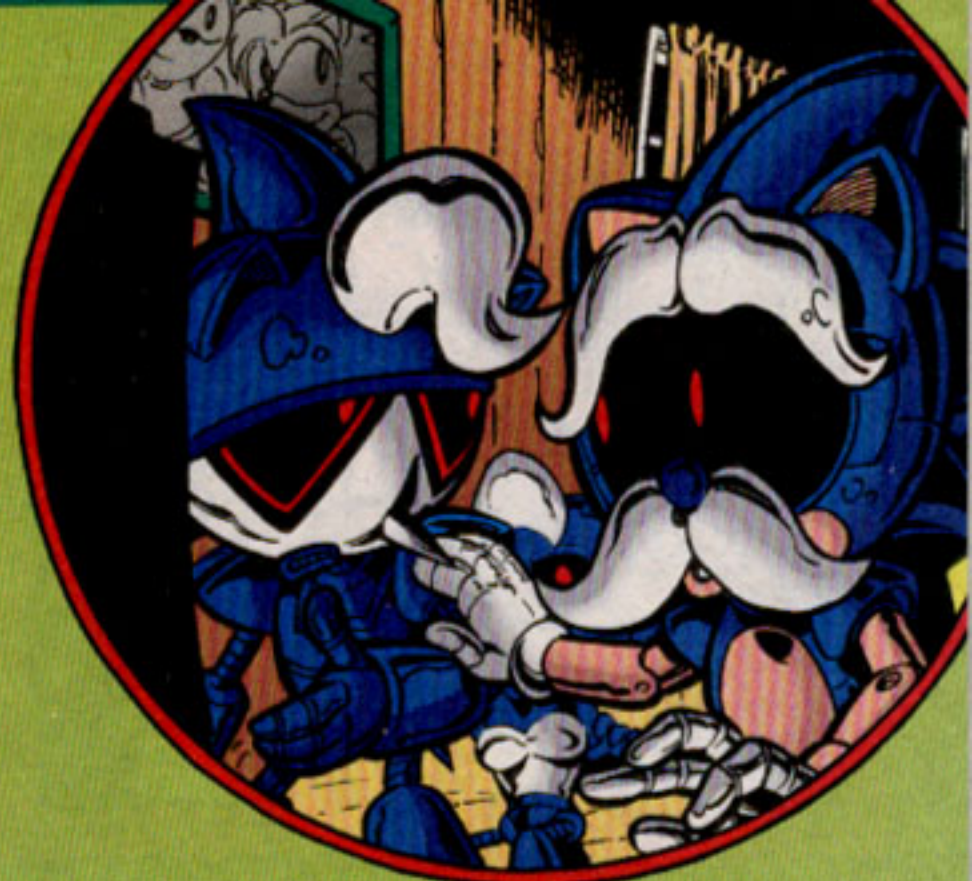
"...THAT WAS NEVER RECEIVED. INSTEAD OF PRAISING THE MISUNDERSTOOD INTELLECTUAL--COLIN KINTOBOR, NOW MINISTER OF JUSTICE--FOOLISHLY PUNISHED HIM FOR HIS EFFORTS (COME ON... WAS IT REALLY SO BAD THAT JULIAN HAD INTENDED TO USE HIS OWN PEOPLE AS TEST SUBJECTS FOR THE GHASTLY GADGET?)."



"RATHER THAN ENDURING THE TEN-YEAR IMPRISONMENT TO WHICH HIS TRAITOROUS BROTHER HAD SENTENCED HIM, JULIAN USED HIS CUNNING TO EFFECT A HEROIC ESCAPE BEYOND THE MOBIAN BADLANDS..."



"...WHERE HE WAS FOUND BY TWO MOBIAN SAVAGES. THEY DIDN'T DO HIM ANY HARM--THEY WERE HEDGEHOGS--NO REAL THREAT! AS A MATTER OF FACT...



"...THEY TOOK HIM TO THEIR LEADER-- KING MAX! NOW HERE WAS A SUCKER WHO COULD SPOT GREATNESS IN A SPLIT-SECOND. IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE OL' MAXIE PRACTICALLY HANDED OVER CONTROL OF HIS REALM TO JULIAN!



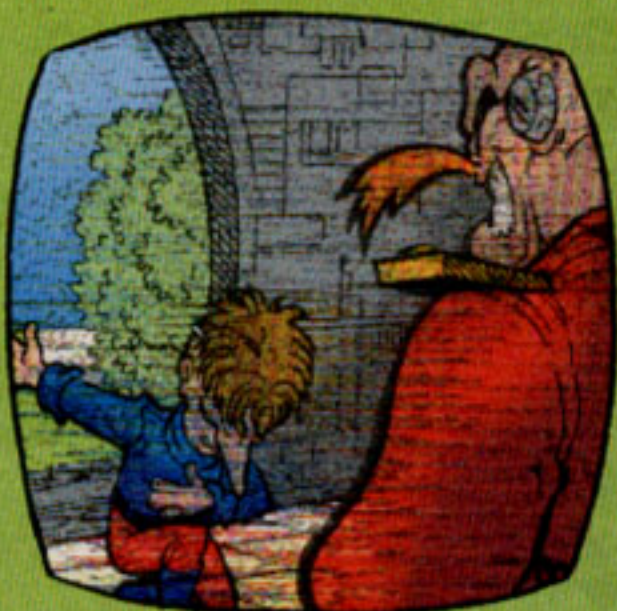
"FIRST THAT WASH-UP OF A WARLORD-- KODOS-- WAS ORDERED TO INSTRUCT THE NEW ARRIVAL IN THE ART OF WARFARE. AFTER ALL, WHO KNEW THE OVERLANDERS' WEAKNESSES BETTER THAN JULIAN?



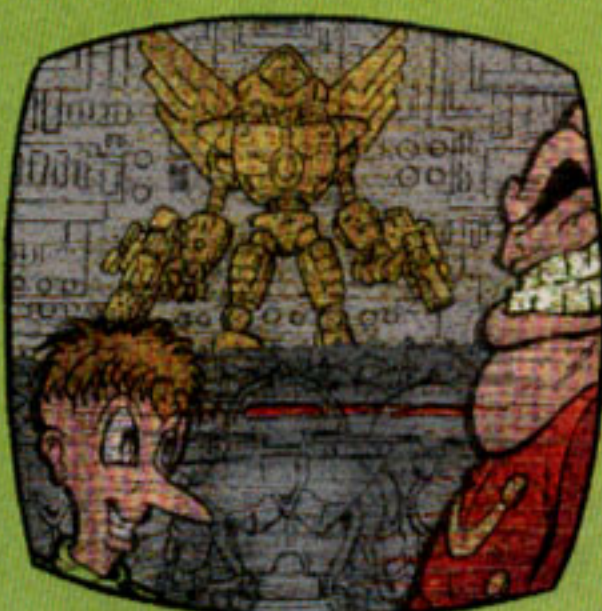
"AND SECOND, IT WAS JULIAN WHO REPLACED KODOS AFTER LEARNING EVERYTHING HE HAD TO TEACH. GO AHEAD AND ASK YOURSELVES--WASN'T HE THE BEST MAN FOR THE JOB?"



"FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE INFERIOR MOBIAN GROUND TROOPS HAD THE NECESSARY BRAINS AND BRAWN REQUIRED TO SHIFT THE WAR IN MOBOTROPOLIS' FAVOR."



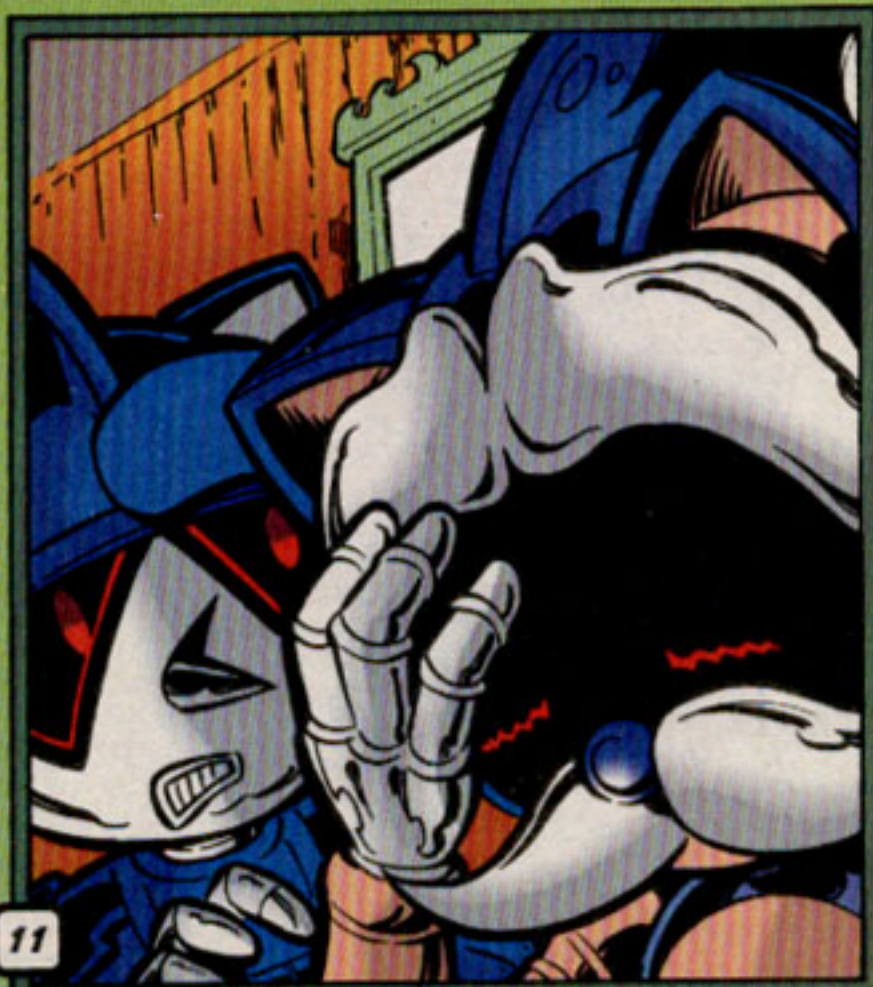
"DAYS LATER, JULIAN'S DIM-WIT NEPHEW--SNIVELY--ARRIVED AT THE WAR MINISTRY BUILDING TO PLEDGE HIS ALLEGIANCE TO HIS UNCLE."



"BUT JULIAN--NEVER CONTENT TO JUST REST ON HIS LAURELS--DECIDED THAT BEATING BACK THE OVERLANDERS WASN'T ENOUGH. HE DESIRED NOW TO REMODEL THE FACE OF MOBIUS. IT WOULD TAKE AN ARTIFICIAL ARMY..."

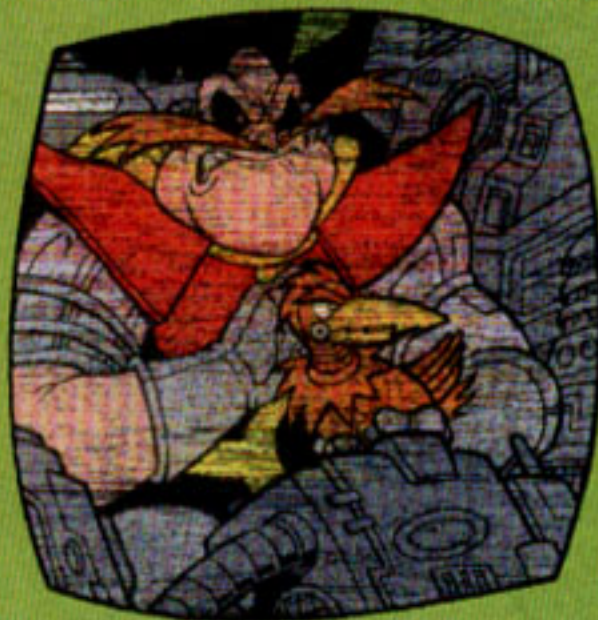


"...AND THE SABOTAGE OF SIR CHARLES HEDGEHOG'S RO-BOTICIZER, A NEWLY-INVENTED DEVICE THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO HELP CURE THE WOUNDED."





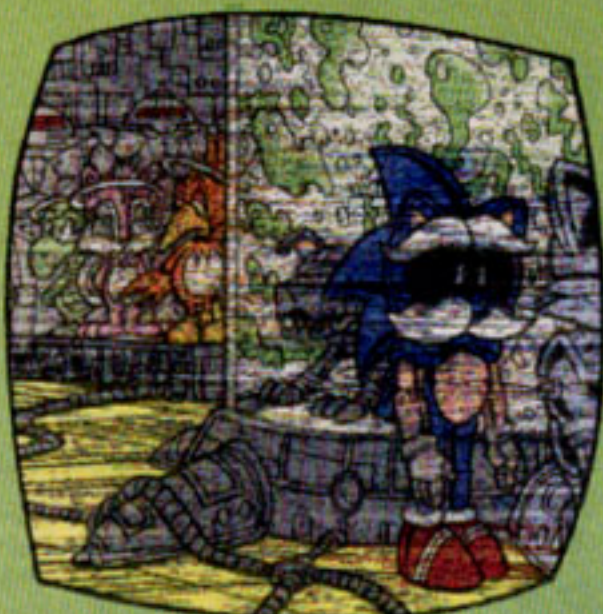
"AND SO, IT WAS ON THAT MORNING MORE THAN A DECADE AGO, A MASSIVE, METAL FLAGSHIP APPEARED OVER THE MOBOTROPOLIS SKYLINE, FOREVER ALTERING IT. AND WHO CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS NEW INDUSTRIAL AGE? WAS IT JULIAN KINTOBOR? NO-- IT WAS...



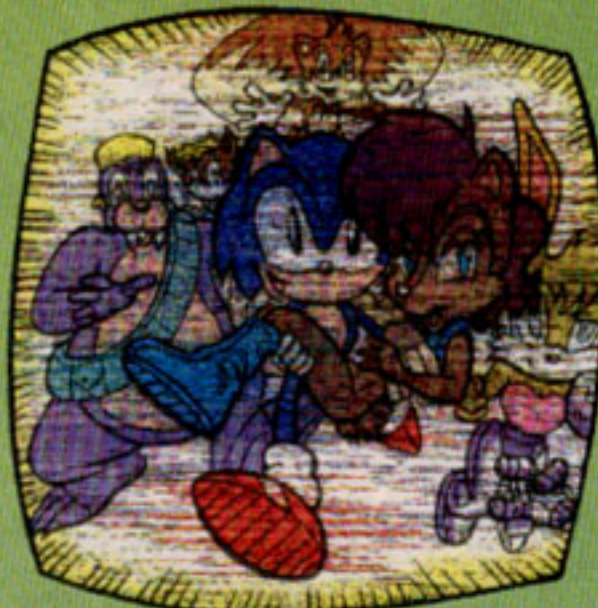
"...DOCTOR ROBOTNIK--THE GREATEST SCIENTIFIC MIND OF ALL TIME!"



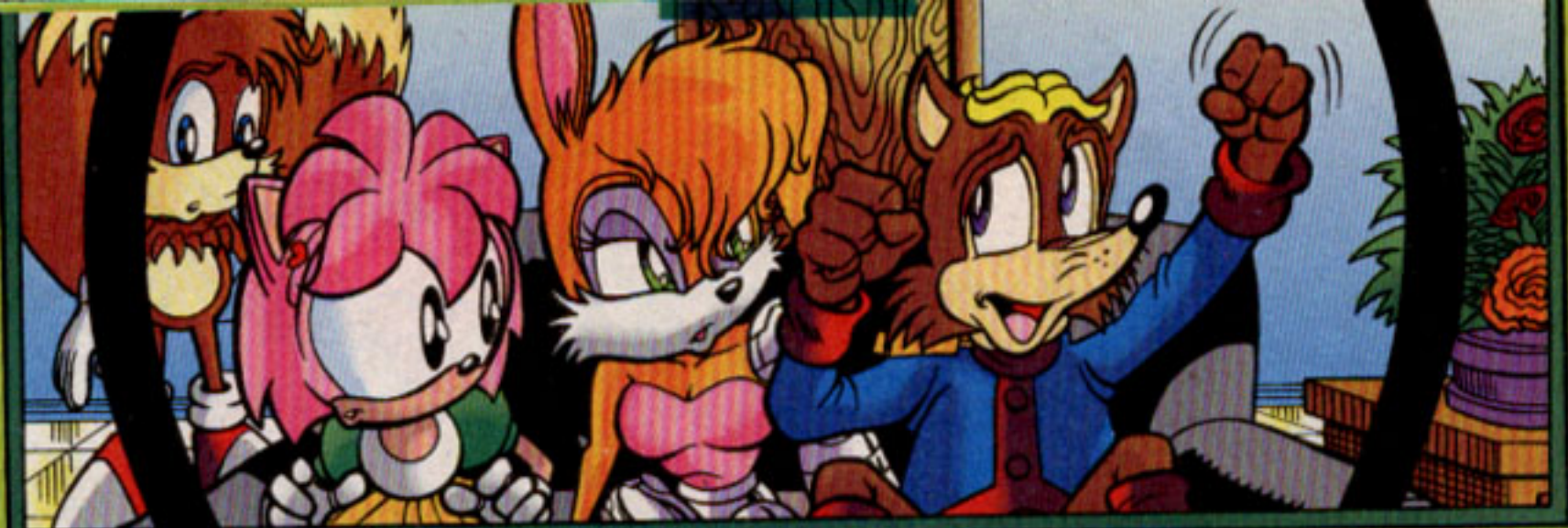
"BUT THERE WERE THE IGNORANT FEW WHO ADHERED TO THE WAYS OF TRADITION AND OPPOSED ROBOTNIK'S REFORMS-- THEY WERE DEALT WITH..."



"...WHILE THE OTHER MOBIANS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF ALL THE NEW JOBS THAT THE GOOD DOCTOR HAD CREATED AND WILLINGLY VOLUNTEERED THEMSELVES TO UNDERGO THE CHANGES NEEDED TO WORK IN HIS POSH FACTORIES.



"AS IF BEING ABSOLUTE RULER OF AN ENTIRE WORLD WASN'T DIFFICULT ENOUGH, THERE WERE ALSO UPSTART REBEL GROUPS TO CONTEND WITH-- NOTABLY, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND HIS RABBLE ROUSERS!"



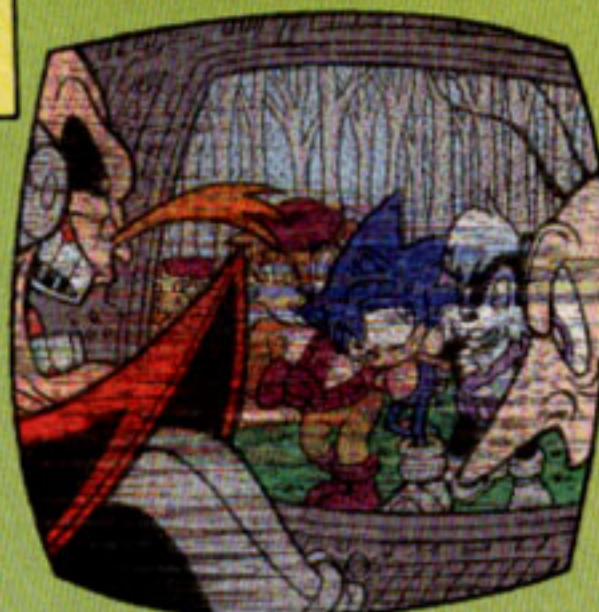
"AFTER TAKING A HOMETOWN TRIP TO THE OVERLANDER CITY OF MEGAPOLIS, ROBOTNIK WAS SHOCKED TO FIND THE LOCATION ENTIRELY DESERTED. TOO BAD-- HE HAD BROUGHT THEM A SURPRISE.



"SOME TIME LATER, IN ONE OF HIS MANY EFFORTS TO END THE MENACE THAT IS SONIC, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK WAS SEEMINGLY VAPORIZED BY HIS OWN CREATION -- THE SYNTHETIC* BEING KNOWN AS E.V.E.!"



*Created by man.
**In the classic
Ish # 21- JF6

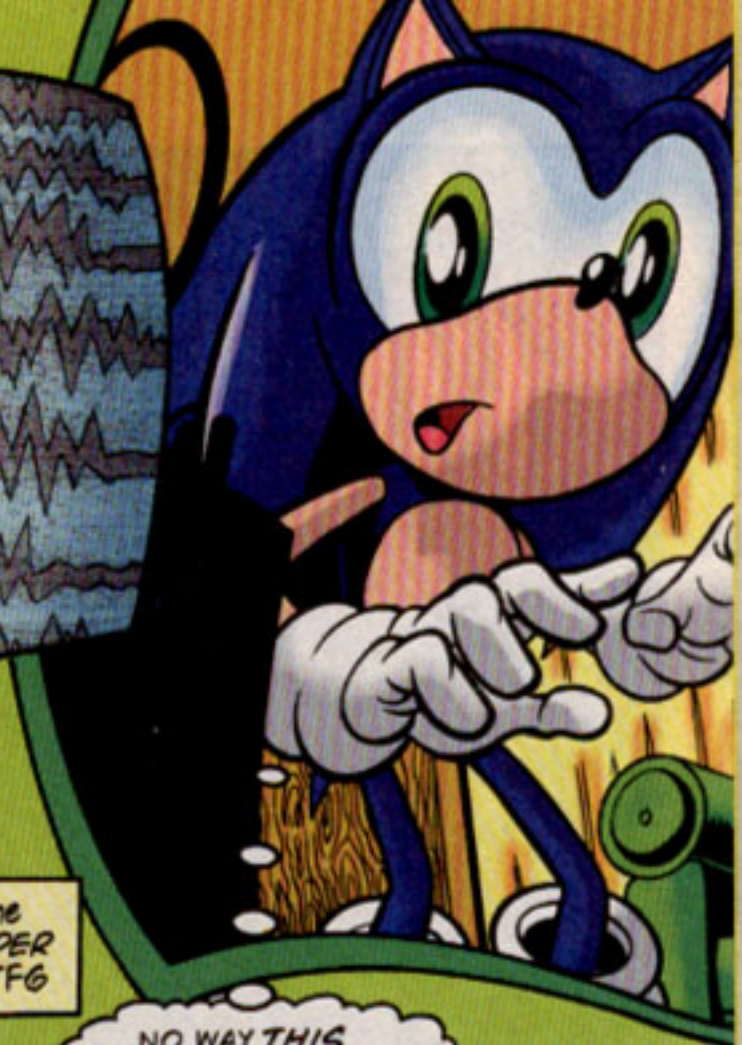
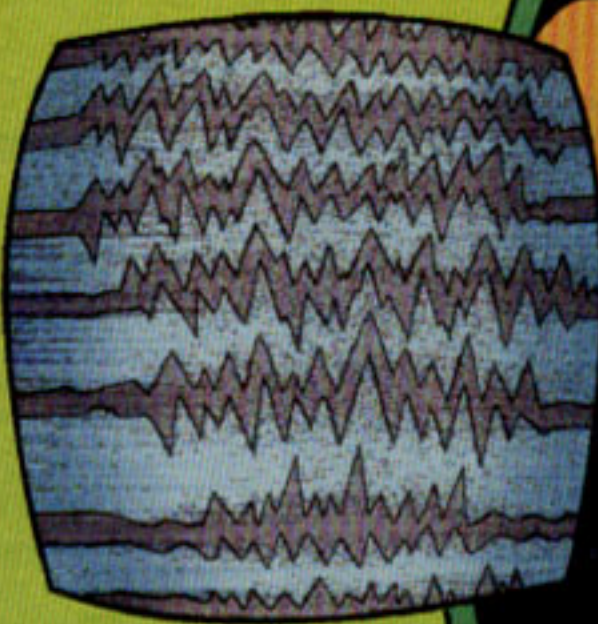


"BUT INSTEAD OF TRAVELING TO THE AFTERLIFE, HE FOUND HIMSELF STRANDED IN AN ALTERNATE FUTURE WHERE HE WOULD HAVE REMAINED, HAD HE NOT MET HIS COUNTERPART IN THAT REALITY-- THE MECHANIZED ROBO-ROBOTNIK!"

"NOW JUST IMAGINE IF THE ALL-GREAT, ALL-POWERFUL ROBO-ROBOTNIK HADN'T RETURNED JULIAN TO ROBOTROPOLIS. HE WOULD NEVER HAVE SEEN HIS ENEMY PUNISHED FOR THE ALLEGED MURDER OF SALLY ACORN."



*In Ish.# 22
** A somewhat
slanted view of
events In Ish
47-49-JF6

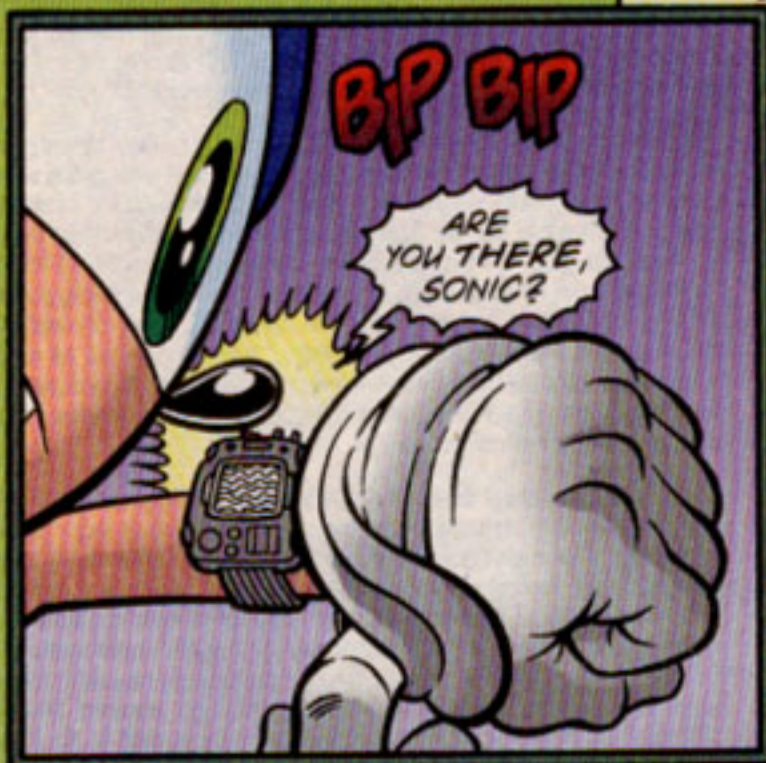


"BUT AS IS TRUE WITH SO MANY HISTORIC FIGURES, THE GOOD DOCTOR SACRIFICED HIS OWN LIFE IN THE SERVICE OF HIS PLANET-- PROTECTING HER FROM EVIL!" THIS HAS BEEN A SERVICE OF K-BOT-- THANK YOU AND GOOD NIGHT!"

...

"One way of looking at the conclusion to SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #6.-JFG

NO WAY THIS IS WHAT SALLY'S DAD WANTED TO TELL US! I'D BETTER--



ARE YOU THERE, SONIC?

RIGHT HERE, SAL-- YOU SORT O' READ MY MIND! WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE?



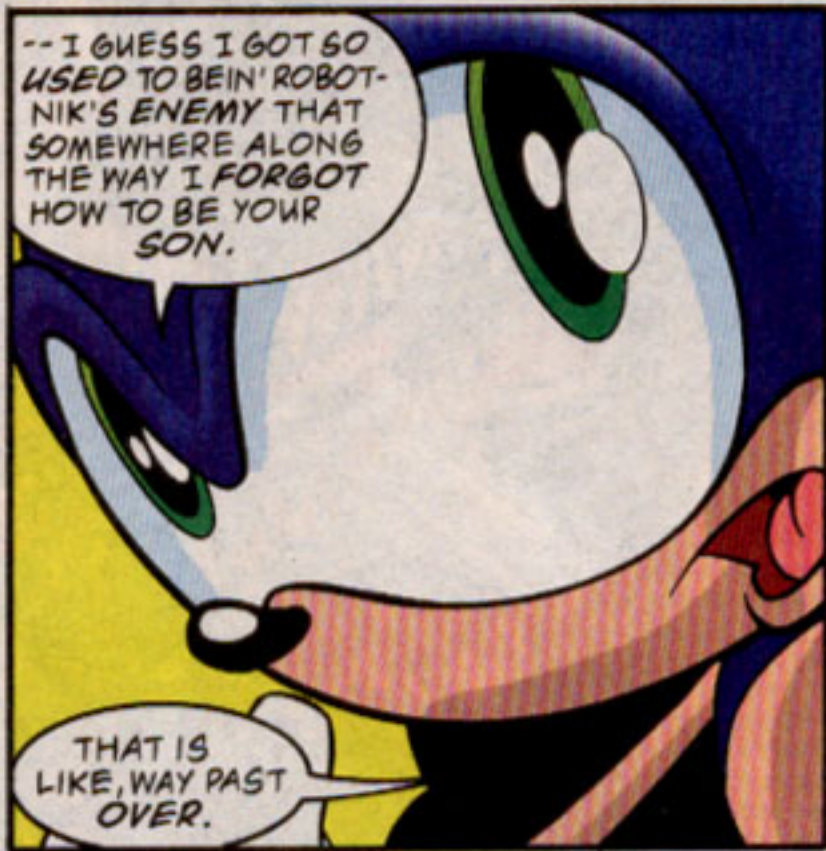
WE'RE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE IT OUT--



--SEEMS THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A GLITCH IN THE ROBO-TECH-NATE AND ROTOR USED TO BUILD THE TELE-CRATES. THE DIRECTOR THINKS THAT MIGHT EXPLAIN THE PIRATE BROADCAST.



MAKES SENSE ... I'LL TALK TO YOU TOMORROW, SAL. G'NIGHT!



AND SOMEWHERE FAR
AWAY FROM KNOTHOLE...

WELL, WELL, WELL, SNIVELY...
IT SEEMS THAT YOU'RE GETTING
THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE WHAT
THE DENIZENS IN THE KINGDOM
OF ACORN DID NOT--

--UNDENIABLE EVIDENCE THAT
IT WAS YOUR TREACHERY THAT CAUSED
YOUR UNCLE'S UNFORTUNATE DEMISE.
FOR THAT, I BRAND YOU... A TRAITOR!

NO--NOT
YOU?!

SEE YOU IN THIRTY DAYS!

TALES OF THE GREAT WAR

PART ONE

"SINCE THE TIME OF ALEXANDER, MOBIANS LIVED IN RELATIVE PEACE AND TRANQUILITY."

"OF ALL WHO DWELLED IN THE LANDS SURROUNDING THE KINGDOM, THE MOST MYSTERIOUS WERE THE OVERLANDERS."

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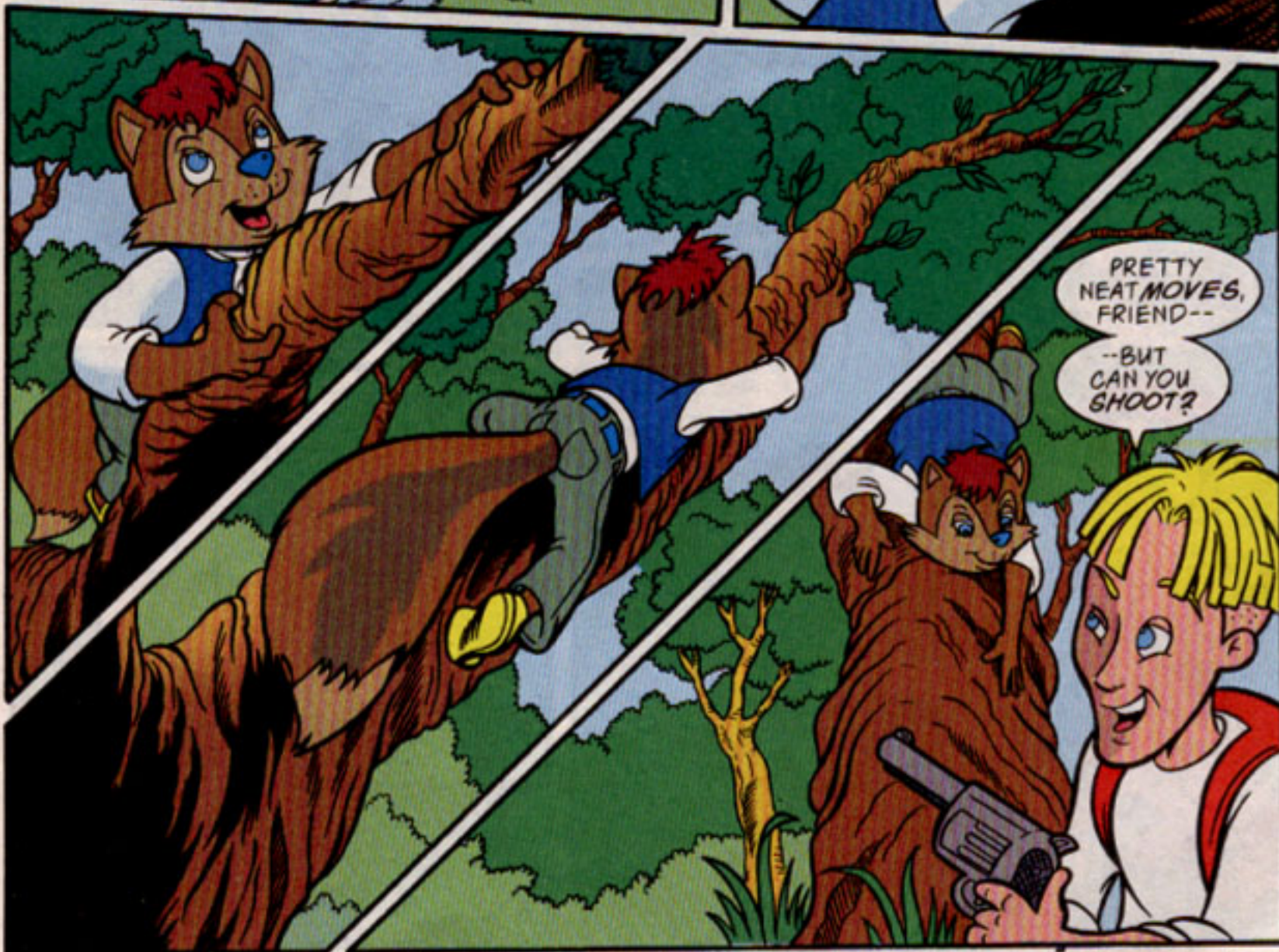
"CONTACT WITH THEM WAS FEW AND FAR BETWEEN, AND QUITE BENIGN, UNTIL ONE FATEFUL DAY, WHEN PRINCE EMERSON STOOD FACING A YOUNG OVERLANDER BOY ACROSS ROUNDABOUT CREEK..."

HELLO!

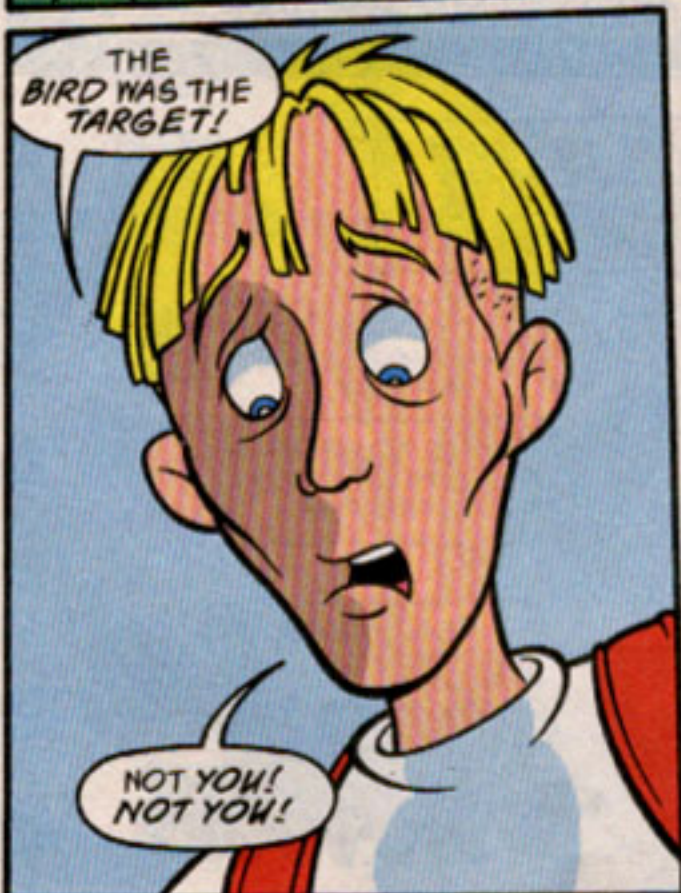
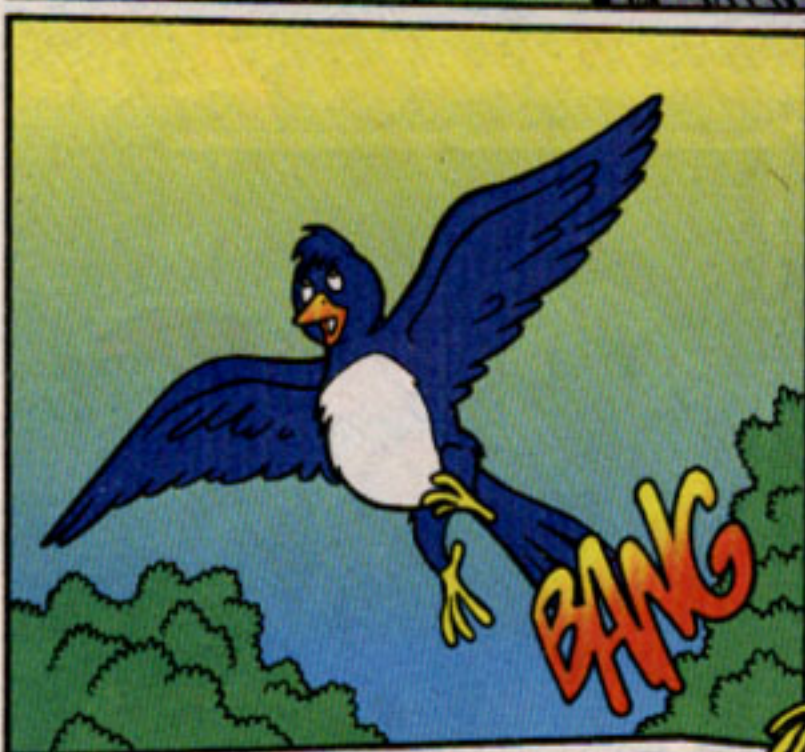
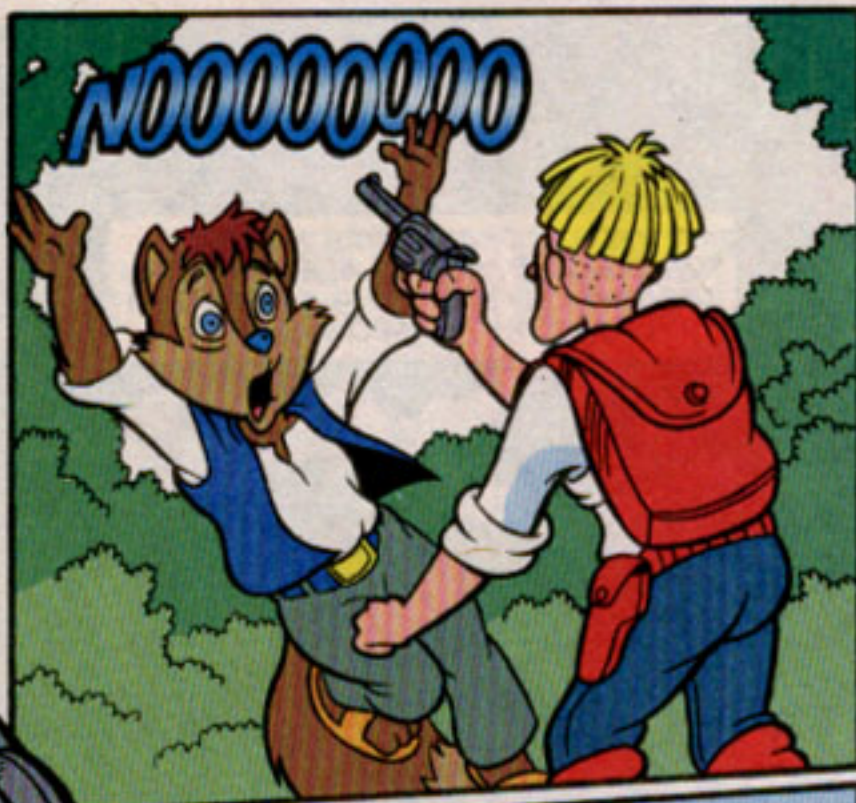
WHO ARE YOU?

THE SHOT HEARD
ROUND
THE WORLD!











"IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE KING THEODORE, SON OF ALEXANDER, DISCOVERED HIS SON'S STILL FORM LYING ON THE GROUND..."



"AT FIRST, HE WAS UNABLE TO UTTER EVEN THE SLIGHTEST OF SOUNDS, SO HORRIFIED WAS HE AT THE SHATTERING SIGHT..."



"...UNTIL HIS EYES CHANCED UPON A YOUNG OVER-LANDER RUNNING DESPERATELY INTO THE FOREST!"

"DESPITE HIS IMMEASURABLE LOSS, THE KING DID NOT CRY FOR VENGEANCE!"

"HE SIMPLY TOOK HIS SON HOME AND FORBADE ANY CONTACT WITH THE FIERCE AND VIOLENT PEOPLE."



"THAT IS WHY WE, AS A PEOPLE, AVOID THE USE OF GUN-LIKE WEAPONS."



UNKNOWN TO THE KING, HIS POLICY WOULD RESULT IN AN EVEN GREATER MISUNDERSTANDING, LEADING TO DECADES OF WAR!

HOW AWFUL, TAILS!

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE READY FOR MORE, DEAR READERS?

IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH TO START A FIGHT!

TRYING TO STOP ONE CAN LEAD TO CATASTROPHE!

READ ALL ABOUT IT IN...

THE ROAD TO DARKNESS

THIS JUST IN!

This month, we're spotlighting a special Off Panel by Michael Gallagher, Dave Manak and Harvo! Check it out.

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Catch you on the flip side!



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Re: Sonic The Hedgehog #67-

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I agree with Kendra Brown's letter 100%! Sally belongs with Sonic, not Antoine or Knuckles or anybody else! I'd also like to say that I'm very disappointed in King Acorn for making Sally choose between her true love (Sonic) and her right to the throne.

Sandra K. Crewe (age 15)
Labrador City, NF
Canada

Dear Sonic-Grams,

In response to Kendra Brown's letter, I have to agree with her. Sonic's heart would be obliterated if Sally even thought of going with Knuckles. Sally may be a player and all, but deep down inside she loves Sonic with all her heart.

Danielle Hardy (age 17)
Detroit, MI

Dear Freddy,

I am responding to Kendra Brown's and Cliff Tunnell's letters printed in Sonic-Grams #64. I agree with Kendra partially. The part I agree on is that Sonic and Sally have been together much more than Knuckles and Sally. Besides, Sally said she loves Sonic (Sonic Super Special #2, page 32, panel 1) and Sonic loves Sally (Sonic #50 page 26, panel 4 and Sonic Super Special #6, page 39, panel 4). As for a girl for Knuckles, I think a likely candidate is Julie-Su.

Anthony Randolph
Dillwyn, VA

These are just a sampling of some of the letters we've been receiving on the subject. What do you think? We'd like to hear from you!

Hello, my favorite blue blur,

I wrote to discuss how issue #67 "blue" me away. Let me start off by saying "great job!" I loved the "Indiana Jones" theme (after all, he is my favorite human character). Also, am I mistaken, or is that a ROBOTNIK-made spacecraft? If so, lose it! Robotnik is a very tired foe. I've enjoyed these past ten issues (they're very exciting!). I have enjoyed the exploration of Mobius with you and Tails. The backup story was very interesting. Did Lupe and the Wolfpack appear in the cartoon?

Yours "bluey",
Nerk2@aol.com

Thanks for the compliment on SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #67, Nerk2. What you refer to as a Robotnik-made spacecraft are actually his satellites still in orbit above Mobius. And yes, Lupe and the Wolfpack made their first appearance in the cartoon episode entitled "Cry of the Wolf."

Dear Sonic,

I just got done reading "Tomb Raider" starring Sonic the Hedgehog. I think it was great. 1) How come you switch one ring for the Ring of Acorn? 2) How come Tails did not come with you when you went to the temple?

GADE111@aol.com

1) Sonic figured the ring's shape, size and weight would be about the same so the trap he was tripping would not know he took the real ring. It obviously didn't work, but Sonic being Sonic was ready for it. 2) Someone had to

stay with Nate. Besides, Sonic wanted to handle it alone.

Hello Sonic Comics,

It's the weekend before Christmas, and what better way to celebrate the holiday than with picking up a copy of Sonic #67 and Knuckles #21. First off, Sonic #67. It was totally unexpected for Sonic and Tails to make an unscheduled stop, plus bring Nate Morgan back home. The story reminded me of the great Indiana Jones. I also enjoyed the back-up story with Lupe and the Wolfpack. Hope they make it home safely. Then I read about Knuckles encounter with Haven and Geoffrey St. John's discovery of Prince Elias and Queen Alicia. And now it's time for the homecoming in Sonic #68 next month. I have a few questions to ask: 1) How will Sally and the others react to the discovery of the lost prince and queen? 2) What surprise is Sally preparing for his 16th birthday? and 3) Is it true that you will do a Sailor Moon-Sonic The Hedgehog crossover in SSS #8?

JGG060@aol.com

1 & 2) If you read issue #68, you already know the answer. 3) No. In SSS#8, Sonic meets Sally Moon from another zone (which is an homage to Sailor Moon).

Well, that's it for this month. Thank you all for your comments. See you in thirty. And remember...

KEEP ON JUICIN'!

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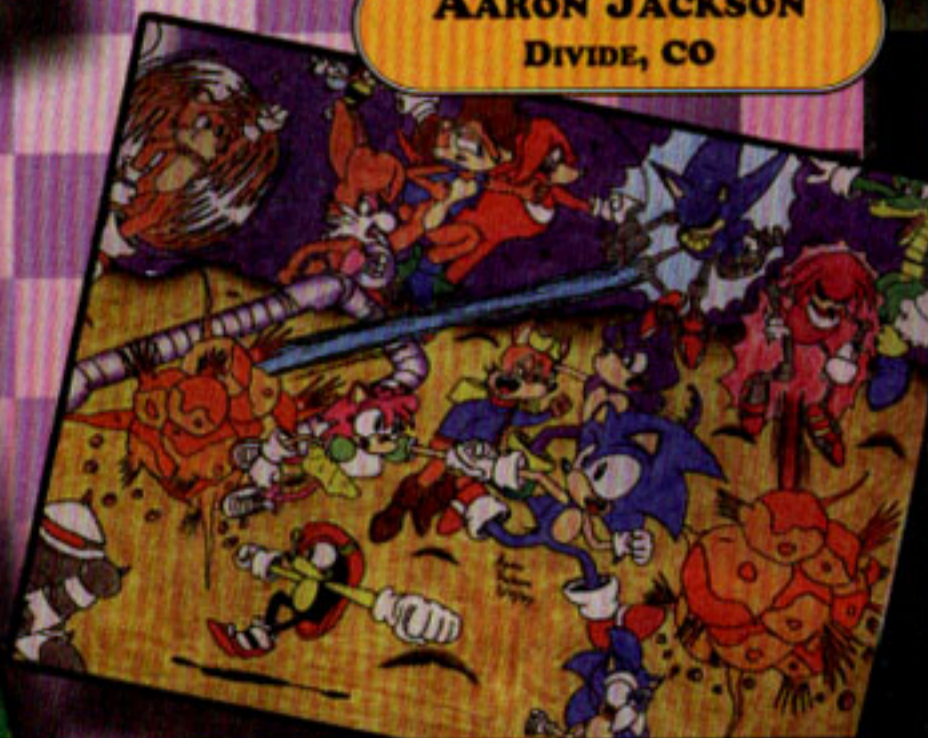
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